

To the members of Local 290 from Business Manager Lou Christian

## **Update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Impact**, July 12th, 2020

**UA General Secretary-Treasurer:** Patrick Kellett's 7/10/20 letter on dues relief ending with the month of July. August 1<sup>st</sup> the members who were eligible for dues relief when working less than 40 hours per month must start paying dues. Along with the dues relief, the suspension and reinstatement fees that were waived will start again. There are multiple suspension scenarios that are outlined in this letter. These suspensions could affect your right to run or vote in our upcoming union elections. Please read this letter [Dues and Per Capita Relief - COVID-19](#). If you have questions, contact Assistant Business Manager Joe Neely and we will get answers for you.

**COVID-19:** 409 Positive and presumptive cases 7/11/20. [Oregon COVID-19 Positive Cases link](#) All three west coast states are seeing an alarming rise in cases and are requiring Face Coverings. [Map of States Requiring Face Coverings link](#) Oregon is requiring face coverings to help stem the rise in cases during the reopening phases. [Oregon Health Authority Face Coverings Guidance link](#) Face coverings can have an impact on spreading of the virus. [CDC Face Coverings Recommendations link](#) These face coverings help protect the people around us. [Face Coverings FAQ](#) This is part of the new reality we find ourselves in today. Hand washing, physical distancing, staying home when not feeling well all of these things help reduce the spread. Travel restrictions for our brothers and sisters helping man our work are following state county and federal requirements. If or when changes are imposed, we will observe and follow them. The decisions we make on personal time can affect all our coworkers. We must protect our livelihoods by following the best practices and protecting our brothers and sisters, family and friends.

**Hoffman Intel MOD 3 Video:** This video was filmed before the statewide face covering requirements went into effect. The video shows some of the safety practices put in place to protect the construction trades workforce. This is a chance to share with family and friends how the constructions industry with Intel has worked hard to protect workers. Our local is blessed to have this work moving forward to supply jobs for our members and traveling brothers and sisters. [Hoffman Video link](#)

**The Largest High-Tech Jobsite in Hillsboro:** The construction manager for sustaining work has asked Business Managers and Representatives of a number of Local Unions to walk the site next week. I am looking forward to seeing how our members are helping keep the jobsite safer with the use of face coverings and the many best practices to fight the COVID-19 virus.

**Reregistration:** If you were on the Hiring Hall out of work list before May 1st you need to reregister with the Dispatch Office to maintain your place on the list. Reregistration will need to be completed by July 31<sup>st</sup>. ([Registration Rules link](#))

**Bylaws Amendment:** The Bylaws language amendment will be mailed out next week. The vote would change the way we fill vacancies for the Executive Board member, Recording Secretary, Inside Guard, Finance Committee Member and Exam Board Member.

**July's Union Meeting:** I have discussed next week's Union Meeting with our President, Bob Porter and Vice President, John Foote we agreed next week's meetings will be canceled. I am continuing to explore ways with the officers and staff to facilitate the Union Meetings in the future so reluctantly this month's meeting is canceled due to the COVID-19 Emergency.

In Solidarity,

Lou A. Christian